

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Each of these messages is written in the prior month so we can release them during the first week. This means if you receive the newsletter in your water bill, the news is about a month old. One thing that has been true for months is the opening on City Council. To be on council you must be a registered voter, have lived within city limits for at least 12 months and be able to read. The last one isn't an actual requirement, but a warning that we receive packets every month which must be read prior to the meeting. It is a time commitment for which you aren't paid, people write mean things about you, and you learn how slowly the government is required to work. With those glowing endorsements, why would anyone want to serve in local government? Because they care about our community.

If you care and have the time, fill out a volunteer application. In addition to Council, all but one of our committees have openings. Very few meet even monthly. Step up!

Mayor Stephanie Jones

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

- City Council
2nd Tuesday (monthly)
- Park, Recreation & Tree Board
3rd Monday (Quarterly - Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
- Library Board
3rd Tuesday (monthly)
- Planning Commission
Last Tuesday (monthly)
- Economic Development
1st Wednesday (monthly)

City meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend.

SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL OUTREACH LISTS!



The City of Banks has established email outreach lists to deliver information to community members, community organizations, and businesses.

City Meeting Agendas Email List

As a subscriber, you will receive emails with information about public notices, City Council Meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, Economic Development Commission Meetings, Library Board Meetings, Park Recreation and Tree Board Meetings, and other City meetings. Sign up at www.cityofbanks.org/government

Business Outreach Email List

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Community Outreach Email List

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Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
November 26, 2023 at 6:30pm
Greenville City Park



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall & Public Works will be closed on:
December 25-26, 2023
January 1-2, 2024



Banks Public Library will be closed on:
December 23-25, 2023
December 30, 2023 - January 1, 2024



There is lots of information to be found on the City of Banks website. Check it out at www.cityofbanks.org.

CITY MEETING RECAP FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023

A brief recap on the items discussed & actions taken at City Meetings.

City Council Work Session

- City Council had a discussion regarding SDC's (System Development Charges) with Steve Donovan of Donovan Enterprises.
- City Council held a short training session: "The Importance of Teamwork and Knowing Your Role".

City Council Meeting

- Presentations of: Police Monthly Briefing, Library Director Report, Public Works Supervisor Report, City Recorder/Assistant City Manager Report & City Manager Report, and a presentation of a plaque to Washington County Lt. Bob Ray, for his years of service and support to the City of Banks.
- The City Council adopted the minutes of the September 12, 2023, City Council Meeting.
- City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-17, a Resolution adopting a Solid Waste Rate Schedule for Various Classes of Service Applicable to Customers in the City of Banks Pursuant to the Adopted Solid Waste Franchise.
- City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the proposal for \$24,625.00 with Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. (CUSI) for the upgrade to the City's utility billing software, as approved in the City's FY 2023-2024 Budget.
- City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the City's application for the DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development) 2023-2025 Technical Assistance Grant.
- A public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 2023-10-01, an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2021-08-01 and Amending Title X (Franchises), Chapter 104 (SWATCO Solid Waste Franchise) to Remove the Rate Schedule from the SWATCO Franchise in Anticipation of Adopting all Future Solid Waste Rate Schedules by Council Resolution. First Reading, Second Reading, and Final Adoption.
- A public hearing was held on Resolution No. 2023-18, a Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 2020-02 and Adopting a New/Revised System Development Charge ("SDC") Methodology and SDC Rates for the City's Water, Parks and Transportation Systems. This public hearing will be continued to the November 14, 2023.
- City Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with the landscaping of the right-of-way on Sellers Road at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00.
- City Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with an Entry Way Sign as you enter from the North End of the City, with a budget not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Urban Renewal Agency

- No meeting held in October.

Economic Development Commission

- Received updates on the 2023-24 Façade Project and reviewed the 2023-2025 Technical Assistance Grant for Economic Development Analysis Study.

Park, Recreation & Tree Board

- No meeting held in October.

Planning Commission

- No meeting held in October.

Library Board

- The Library Board continued their work on the update of the Library's Strategic Plan.

NEWS FROM THE BANKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wallace, the WCCLS mascot, is all ready for Halloween! While Wallace debuted during Summer Reading, he is still with us and children who find him can get a small prize every time they visit the library.



The Friends of the Banks Library will be having their book sale November 2 through November 6. Come by to support the library and find some great reading material. Fall programs continue and the new calendar with winter programs will be available soon. Make sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2. We will be having our annual Homemade Holiday event and there will be lots of things to make from 10 am to 2 pm.



Holiday Water Saving Tips

- Collect water used to rinse fruits & vegetables to water houseplants.
- Thaw frozen foods ahead of time in the refrigerator vs. the "speed-thaw" method in a sink full of water.
- Use the proper sized pots and pans for cooking - larger pots may require more water than necessary for the food being prepared.
- Scrape leftover food from plates into the garbage vs. rinsing them or washing scraps down the garbage disposal - which can use gallons of water each time.
- Check toilets for leaks before holiday guests arrive and make necessary repairs.
- Use the dishwasher when possible, but make sure it is full.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF BANKS

Interested in serving on a City of Banks Board, Commission or Committee? We are currently seeking volunteers. Please contact City Recorder, Angie Lanter at alanter@cityofbanks.org or 503-324-5112 for more information.

